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> Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

SO EEQUEST	Application Number	09/512,358
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FOR EXAMINATION (RCE)	First Named Inventor	KAZUTAKA MATSUEDA
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on (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, r continued examination of an utility or plant application	Examiner Name	T.L. Pham
filed on or after June 8, 1995. e American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).	Attorney Docket Number	00862.021843

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.  NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.						
1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114						
a. X Previously submitted						
i. X Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.	Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on July 15, 2004  (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).					
ii.	Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on					
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ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)	02 FC:1251	110.00 OP				
iv. Other						
2. Miscellaneous						
a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of						
months. (Period of suspension s						
b. LXJ Other <u>Applicant hereby petitions to extend the</u> (August 15, 2004 being a Sunday)	time for further action t	or one month to August 16, 2004				
3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.						
a. X The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to						
Deposit Account No06-1205						
i. X RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)						
ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)						
iii. U Other						
b. LX Check in the amount of \$ 770.00 and \$110.00 is enclosed						
c. L_l Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)						
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED						
Name (Print/Type) Leonard P. Diana	Registration No. (Attorney					
	Date August 16, 200					

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